ETHERIDGE CAROLYN R 02/09/82 125823 PRINTER: LI
80 CANBERRA 12145
CONFIDENTIAL

EXCISE

909

CONFIDENTIAL
PAGE 01 CANBER 12145 050632Z
ACTION EA-12
INFO OCT-01 ADS-00 SS-15 SP-02 INR-10 HA-06 L-03
SPRS-02 NSC-05 CIAE-02 ICIE-02 NSAE-00 /056 W
014761 052905Z /10 S

E
b-1

P R 050548Z DEC 80
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1622
INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 12145
EO 12065: GDS 12/5/86 (WYGANT, MICHAEL G., OR-P
TAGS: PINT KS AS US
SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN POSITION ON KIM DAE JUNG
REF: A) STATE 320247, B) STATE 318750
1. (U) EMPHASIZING HIS CONTINUED CONCERN WITH THE DEATH SENTENCE IMPOSED AGAINST SOUTH KOREAN POLITICAL LEADER KIM DAE JUNG, FOREIGN MINISTER STREET IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT ON DECEMBER 3 MADE A MAJOR RESTATEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT POLICY ON THIS ISSUE. HE SAID "THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEATE SENTENCE IMPOSED ON THE KOREAN OPPOSITION LEADER KIM DAE JUNG. OF COURSE, WE HOPE THAT THAT SENTENCE WILL BE CHANGED. ...MR. KIM HAS NOW APPEALED TO THE CIVILIAN SUPREME COURT. THAT COURT HAS NOT YET HANDED DOWN ITS JUDGMENT. IF THE COURT UPHOLDS THE SENTENCE IT WILL REMAIN FOR PRESIDENT CHUN TO CONFIRM OR ALTER IT."
2. (U) HARKING TO FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK'S SEPTEMBER STATEMENT ABOUT KIM DAE JUNG, MR. STREET DECLARED "THAT STATEMENT MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE BASIS OF WARMTH WHICH HAS EXISTED IN AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH KOREA WOULD BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED
CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL
PAGE 02 CANBER 12145 050632Z
IF MR. KIM WERE EXECUTED. WE HAVE SOUGHT TO IMPRESS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THAT STATEMENT NOT AS A THREAT BUT AS A MATTER OF ACT UPON THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT. I EMPHASIZE THAT WE HAS DONE SO ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS AND AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING THE APPEAL PROCESS CLOSELY. WE WILL MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF KOREA SHOULD THAT BECOME NECESSARY".
3. (C)

[redacted]

b1, A5

CONFIDENTIAL PAGE 1

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY H. Temple DATE 8/18/82
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

ETHERIDGE CAROLYN R 02/09/82 125823 PRINTER: LI
80 CANBERRA 12145

CONFIDENTIAL

ALSTON
CONFIDENTIAL